

## SOCIETY

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MRS. GEORGE R. ASHE.  
Who was Miss Ellen Lane J. Williams of Berryville, Va.



MRS. ROLFE ROBERTSON.  
Formerly Miss Charlotte N. Cochran of  
The Plains, Va.



MRS. WILLIAM S. JOHNSON.  
Who was Miss Maud Dakin.



MRS. BATES ETCHINSON.  
Who was Miss Helen Starr Myers.



MRS. OLIVER HAZARD PERRY CHAMPLIN.  
Formerly Miss Elizabeth Ames Poore.

**P**REPAREDNESS and Presidents were the chief topics to engage conversation during the past seven days, with the many interesting weddings, informal dinner parties, luncheons and bridge teas for a theme in lighter vein.

Not in many moons will Washington society folk cease to tell of the great parade, when women accustomed to dainty slippers and the filmy dress of drawing rooms donned stout boots and simple white gowns for the famous tramp from the Peace Monument.

The novel situation of having two presidential candidates under one's immediate observation, passing them daily in the walks and drives about the city, being able to speak to the democratic nominee in one block and the republican candidate in another, affords a spice to the political situation which has but few times before been experienced by residents of the capital.

While even the oldest inhabitant may not be able to chat from personal observation about the parallel case of President Jackson, who ran for his second term against Senator Henry Clay, they can gossip about the equally interesting race for the place of chief executive between President Cleveland, who aspired to a second term, and Senator Benjamin Harrison, who defeated him, and all of whom claimed Washington as an official home, and there are other cases. Engagement books of 1892, many of which are filed away in the desks of society women and men, bear entries of the names of both candidates, just as the social calendars of today bear the names of the President and Mrs. Wilson and those of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hughes.

Of the many weddings, official interest naturally centered about that of Miss Callie Smith and Mr. J. Lyman Grant Pratt, which was unofficially celebrated, the Rev. Dr. James H. Taylor performing the ceremony in the presence of scarcely a greater number of guests than would gather in the drawing room of the senator and Mrs. Hoke Smith on the latter's regular Thursday at home.

The marriage of Miss Mildred Fuller Aubrey and Mr. James Bronson Blake of Milwaukee, brought back many memories of the dignified reign of the bride's grandmother as the wife of Chief Justice Fuller of the Supreme Court. According to tradition, be a part of every bride's trousseau, was delightfully carried out for the brides of the past week in rare old lace and jewels. The something old for Mrs. Pratt was the wedding gift from her mother, Mrs. Hoke Smith, and was in the form of a pearl brooch which belonged to her great-grandmother, Mrs. James Henry Lumpkin, wife of the first chief justice of Georgia. For Mrs. Blake it was the rare lace worn by her grandmother, Mrs. Fuller, and other brides of the family, while Miss Dorothy Taylor wore at her marriage to Mr. Robert Courtney, a diamond necklace and brooch, which had been worn by the brides in the family since her great-grandmother's time. It was for Miss Mary Wheeler Vest to wear at her marriage on Wednesday to Lieut. James Young, the most priceless "something old" of them all in the form of the lace gown worn by her great-grandmother, and all the brides of the immediate family since that time.

The brides of this week are also of particular interest socially. The marriage of Miss Ruth Wales, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Wales of Washington and New York, and niece of Mrs. Elihu Root, and Mr. Henry Francis du Pont, son of Senator du Pont of Delaware, will be witnessed by a number of persons from Washington, though it will take place at Hyde Park, N. Y. Miss Wales was chief bridesmaid at the marriage of Miss Edith Root, her cousin, and Lieut. U. S. Grant, 3d, several years ago, and her own marriage is the culmination of a romance begun in the staid senatorial circle in which she has consanguinity mingled here.

Other brides of the week will be Miss Eugenie Suragay, who will marry Mr. Blair M. Bennett of Pittsburgh; Miss Fern Herbert Prince, who will be married to the Rev. Dr. John Alexander Bowman; Miss Doris Marie Waring, who will become the bride of Dr. Robert Everett Clark; Miss Mildred June Tugler, who will be married to Mr. Melvin Ferdinand Fischer, and Miss Ellen Haines Thomas, who will wed Mr. Frederick Haller. And there will be still other brides for each day of the seven.

Unless Jupiter Pluvius continues to sadden with garden parties, at fringed luncheon and card parties and veranda teas, many of those events will result from informal telephone calls, which

where he went as the personal representative of the President.

The Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Daniels are expected to return to Washington today from St. Louis, where they went to attend the democratic national convention.

The Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. Houston have returned from Chicago and St. Louis, where they went to attend the political conventions, and tomorrow Mrs. Houston and the two younger children of the family will leave town for Woods Hole, Mass., to spend the summer. Mr. David Franklin Houston, Jr., graduated from the

Western High School yesterday, and he and his father will go to Massachusetts later in the season.

The home of the Secretary of Commerce and Mrs. Redfield is practically closed for the season, so many and so long will be their visits away from town. After witnessing the graduation of their son, Mr. Humphrey Fuller Redfield, at Amherst College yesterday, Mr. and Mrs. Redfield returned to Brooklyn, where Mrs. Redfield and her son and daughter, Mrs. Charles K. Drury, will visit for several weeks. They will spend considerable time in long motor trips all during the summer.

### Diplomatic Corps.

The carriages and automobiles of diplomats, which one is used to meeting on the Potomac speedway, or out through Rock Creek Park, are growing fewer with each week, and during the past seven days the Italian ambassador and Countess di Cellere, Lady Spring-Rice and her children, the Austrian charge d'affaires, Baron Zwiédnek, the minister of Norway and Mme.

Bryn, the Argentine ambassador and Mme. Naon, the Danish minister, Mr. Brun, and the Portuguese minister, Viscount de Alte, and other diplomats have already deserted the capital for the summer.

There will be a general exodus of foreigners from Washington at the beginning of July, for even those from warmer countries than ours find it pleasant to change scenes for a while.

Viscount de Alte, minister of Portugal, closed the legation at Stoneleigh Court yesterday, and left for Bar Har-

bor, Me., where he will share the honors of diplomatic bachelordom with Mr. Brun.

The Brazilian ambassador and Mme. da Gama are in town for the present, their departure for Heron Hall, Long Branch, depending on the weather and the ambassador's diplomatic affairs.

The minister of Switzerland has made arrangements for his family for the summer at Lake Placid, where Mme. Ritter and the children of the family will go before the end of June.

The minister of Sweden and Mme.

Ekengren expect to leave town Friday for Edgartown, Mass., where they will spend the summer.

Baron Zwiédnek, counselor and charge d'affaires of Austria-Hungary, will leave Washington this morning for Lake Patchogue, L. I., where the embassy has been established for the summer.

Miss Elizabeth Yung Kwai, daughter of the counselor of the Chinese legation and Mme. Yung Kwai, was among the graduates from the Western High School last week. She is also a musician and accomplished in languages.

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